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Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of the States members of Partners in Population and Development (Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe).

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 9th, 10th and 27th meetings, on 19 and 26 October and on 19 November 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.9, 10 and 27).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 24 April 2001 from the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/241).

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II. Consideration of proposals

5. At the 9th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia and Uganda, subsequently joined by Thailand, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr. 1), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Considering* the importance of the work of Partners in Population and Development,

"*Taking into account* the importance of greater interaction between Partners and member States and relevant United Nations bodies, programmes and agencies in the area of population and development,

"*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and Partners in Population and Development,

"1. *Decides* to invite Partners in Population and Development to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 27th meeting, on 19 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision prepared by the Bureau (A/C.6/56/L.23) in place of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr.1. The representative of Bangladesh supported the draft decision.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.23 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly

The General Assembly decides to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly[1] to its fifty-seventh session.

[1] See A/55/241.